

CLAIMS

1. An applicator comprising:
a reservoir adapted to contain a fluid;
a pad in fluid communication with the reservoir; and
a tab serving to seal the fluid reservoir at a breakable connection, wherein
breaking of said breakable connection allows passage of fluid from the reservoir into the
pad.
2. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the reservoir includes at least one wall
which is adapted to flex sufficiently under pressure from an operator's finger to force fluid
from the reservoir into the pad.
3. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the tab includes a stem attached to the
applicator at the breakable connection, and wherein the pad includes a channel for
slidably receiving said stem.
4. The applicator of Claim 3, wherein the is oval in cross section.
5. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the tab is attached to the pad, and
wherein the breakable connection is formed of friable material such that bending of the
tab relative to the applicator causes breaking of said breakable connection.
6. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable fluid.
7. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid is a sterilizable tissue
adhesive for surgical applications.
8. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises a cyanoacrylate
ester adhesive.
9. The applicator of Claim 1, wherein the fluid comprises butyl or octyl
cyanoacrylate, or a mixture of butyl and octyl cyanoacrylates.